

November 13, 2015

Dear Individuals and Organizations Interested in Participating in the Private School Choice Programs (PSCP) in the 2016-17 School Year:

Under Wis. Stat. §§ 119.23 (2)(a)7 and 118.60 (2)(a)7, new schools interested in participating in the PSCP in the 2016-17 school year must be preaccredited by Wisconsin North Central Association, the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation, the Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, National Lutheran School Accreditation, Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools, or the archdiocese or diocese within which the private school is located by **August 1, 2016**. This requirement does not apply if the school is fully accredited by the Wisconsin North Central Association, the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation, the Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, National Lutheran School Accreditation, Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools, the archdiocese or diocese within which the private school is located, or any other organization recognized by the National Council for Private School Accreditation.

Further, **all** private schools participating in the PSCP are required to achieve accreditation by the Wisconsin North Central Association, the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation, the Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, National Lutheran School Accreditation, Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools, the archdiocese or diocese within which the private school is located or any other organization recognized by the National Council for Private School Accreditation. Schools new to the PSCP for the 2016-17 school year must be accredited by December 31, 2019.

Schools new to the program for the 2015-16 school year must apply for accreditation by **December 31, 2016**. Please contact organizations directly with questions about their accrediting process.

Independent Schools Association of the Central States

1165 North Clark Street, Suite 311
Chicago, IL 60610
312-255-1244
www.isacs.org

National Council for Private School Accreditation (Full Accreditation Only)

PO Box 13686
Seattle, WA 98198
<http://www.ncpsa.org/>

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National Lutheran School Accreditation

LCMS School Ministry
1333 S. Kirkwood Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63122
1-800-248-1930 ext 1292
<https://www.lcms.org/schools>

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee

PO Box 070912
Milwaukee, WI 53207
<http://www.archmil.org/>
Listing of all Dioceses: <http://www.usccb.org/about/bishops-and-dioceses/all-dioceses.cfm>

Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools

1840 Bond Street
Green Bay, WI 54303
920-499-5561
www.wacschools.org

Wisconsin North Central Association

121 East Rosser Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58501
1-888-413-3669 ext. 5754 (Regional Office)
www.advanc-ed.org

Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation

P.O. Box 685
Muskego, WI 53150
262-895-3679
www.wrisa.net

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation

N16 W23377 Stone Ridge Drive
Waukesha, WI 53188
414-256-3220
<https://connect.wels.net/AOM/schools/Pages/WELSSA.aspx>

If you have questions concerning this information, please contact Patrick Gasper at patrick.gasper@dpi.wi.gov or 608-266-2853.